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Price 3 cents

We Must Clean Up. A Chance For You.

Our annual "clean up" Sale of all Summer Goods is now in progress. You know that means cut prices at this store. Our object is to make room and have cash for Fall Stock, and to do this we are willing to turn our balance of Summer Goods over to you at half prices in some cases and big reductions in others.

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A lot of Beautiful Dress Gingham sold at 8c, now 5c.
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KING GEORGE.

Political—The Fletcher's Chapel Meeting—Lightning's Work—Personal. Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Passapatanzy, Va., Aug. 31st, 1899.

Politics and the weather seem to be unceasing subjects of interest to people in general, and we do not claim to be an exception to the rule. In this neighborhood Martin and Tyler vie with each other in point of popularity, but the sentiment generally is in favor of our very able and worthy representative, Martin. He has been an honor to the people who elected him, and when an officer proves himself worthy of the confidence of his constituents why should he not be re-elected to the office he fills with so much ability? He has been tried and has proved faithful; so wherein lies ground for dissatisfaction? We honor and admire Tyler, but his time as Governor has not expired, and why should he not serve out the term for which he was elected? After that, other honors will doubtless await him.

The people from this section will, no doubt, be out in full force at September county court to assist in the election of delegates to send to Warsaw and Stafford to aid in nominating men for the State Senate and Legislature. Great care should be taken that men favorable to the interests of the farmers and fishermen should be nominated; and they should do all in their power to have the unjust laws enacted by the last Legislature, (which placed a heavy tax on the fishermen's outfit) repealed.

Rev. Mr. Jordan, of Ashland, spent last week in this neighborhood, carrying on a protracted meeting at Fletcher's Methodist Church. Each service was well attended, and deepest interest was shown throughout the entire meeting. Mr. Jordan's sermons were full of gospel truths, and were delivered in so sweet and eloquent a manner that they touched the hearts of his hearers and carried conviction with them. There were seven additions to the church, besides many who asked the prayers of God's people.

During the severe thunder storm that visited this section last Saturday evening lightning struck a large walnut tree in Mr. W. H. Rollins' barn yard and killed a calf that was standing under it.

Miss Julia Hansford is quite sick at "Snowden," the home of her brother, in lower Stafford.

Miss Bessie Hansford, of Washington, is visiting her brother and family at "Snowden."

Miss Eula Pollard, of Baltimore, who has been visiting Miss Lillie Pratt for some weeks past, has returned to the Comom neighborhood.

Misses Kate Rollins and Maggie Maddox, two of the most attractive young ladies of this neighborhood, have returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Caroline.

We are glad to announce that Mrs. J. S. Sale has improved very much, and is now able to sit up.

Mr. P. B. Parks, one of the best masons and plasterers of this section, has engaged to go to Maryland to work on a large new hotel to be erected at Chesapeake Beach, a prosperous summer resort in St. Mary's county.

The farmers are now busy with their fodder palling. The crop is fine, and our people are full of hope, as better crops have seldom been secured in this section.

Cupid has been quite busy this summer, and doubtless the marriage bells will be ringing in this neighborhood ere long.

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J. R. Gibbs, Fincastle, Va.

I had chronic diarrhoea for twelve years. Three bottles of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy cured me.

S. L. Shaver, Fincastle, Va.

Both Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Shaver are prominent farmers, and reside near Fincastle, Va. They procured the remedy from Mr. W. E. Casper, a druggist of that place, who is well acquainted with them and will vouch for the truth of their statements. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Kirkland Grove Camp-Meeting—A Successful Meeting—Personal Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Village, Va., August 29, 1899.

Kirkland Grove Camp-Meeting, which closed its fifth annual session on Sunday last, is said to have been one of the most successful, both religiously and socially, in the history of the camp. Rev. Dr. P. T. Hale, an eminent divine of Roanoke, Va., conducted the revival work, and great good is said to have been accomplished and many new adherents to the Baptist faith won by the untiring efforts of these godly people.

Since the camps have closed travelers seem, by mutual consent, to have concluded to give our badly-used roads a rest, which they so much need, "seeing that we are compassed about by so great a cloud"—of dust.

Drummers in town recently are as follows: Messrs. Palmer, Pittsburgh, Edgerton, Blake and Walker.

Prof. S. W. Beazley, of the Peoples' Music School, Dayton, Va., is stopping for several days at the Winstead House.

Maj Robert R. Hoskins, of King and Queen county, who has been visiting at Mrs. O. E. Garner's, has returned home.

Hon. D. C. O'Harey, of Front Royal, Va., and Mr. R. E. Cloughton, of the West End National Bank, Washington, D. C., are visiting friends in the village.

Mr. E. C. Griffith, of Baltimore, who has been spending several days with Mr. A. B. Garner, left for his home on Saturday last.

Mr. J. A. Luttrell, a prominent business man of Washington, D. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. A. Richardson, for a few days.

Mrs. S. A. Rice and family, who have been spending some time with relatives here and at Kirkland Grove, left for Baltimore on Monday.

Miss Gertrude Glynn Garner is visiting at Shap's.

Miss Frances E. Garner, with her friend, Miss Olive Moss Thomas, of Clark county, are spending some time at the Potomac summer resort, Walnut Point.

UP MOUNT ASPENBOINE.

Successful Trip of Explorers in the Canadian Rockies.

Henry C. Bryant, president of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia, has just returned from an exploring trip of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, made in company with Louis J. Steele, and sailed for Berlin where he represents the local society at the International Congress of Geographers. Speaking of the trip, Mr. Bryant said:

"The party left Banff Springs, Alberta, Northwest Territory, on July 21. Our first achievement was the discovery of a new pass over the Central Divide, which is just south of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, by way of Healy Creek and Simpson pass. We reached our objective point, Mount Aspinboine, in three days and a half. The only travelers who ever entered this region before us took seven days in making the journey. They were six white men. We, therefore, felt that we had accomplished something in finding a much shorter route to this famous mountain, the height of which is 11,576 feet."

The intention of the explorers was to ascend Mount Aspinboine from the west side, but after climbing up 10,000 feet and reaching territory that human being had never set foot on before, they were forced to descend. The descent was perilous and an approaching storm caused the men to hurry.

"While on the snow slope, cutting steps for our safety in the hard snow and ice," said Mr. Bryant, "we suddenly came upon a projecting rock. At the moment my companion, Mr. Steele, slipped. It was a moment of life or death. If we had been dashed down on the rocks below we would have been killed."

"I just had time to strike my ax helve into the snow and thus secured a better hold, but the force of the fall was so great that when Mr. Steele fell we were dashed down the slope. By a quick movement my companion reached an opening where the snow melted and owing to the heat radiated from a rock. The stable footing which we here secured arrested our descent. We were after that enabled to continue our journey at leisure."

The last stage of the descent, about 250 feet, was made by sliding down the face of the mountain. Not as boys slide on the level, of course. The mountain sliding is called ginsaiding. We lay down on our backs and put our feet close to the ground. With the ax helve tightly under the right arm, its blade cutting deeply into the ice, we slid swiftly down the steep slope. The ax acted as a helm, and by a little shifting we could pilot and by a little shifting we could pilot ourselves out of the way of things apparently not smooth enough for our comfort."

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Middle Age the Period of Distinction in Writers of Fiction.

It is a very common mistake to think that the most successful writers in fiction have attained their highest distinction while in the first flush of youth, inspired by the glow of youthful romance and passion. If we look back over the lives of our greatest novelists we shall find that this was far from being the case.

Scott was forty-three before "Waverley" was given to the world. He had been known in the field of letters for years as a successful poet and writer for the reviews, but he did not turn to fiction until his light as a poet was beginning to be eclipsed by the more brilliant blaze of Byron's genius. He was aided by the reputation of the "author of Waverley" to restore the waning prestige of Walter Scott as a poet, and we know that he met with success beyond his wildest dreams.

"Thackeray had reached middle age before "Vanity Fair" established his reputation as the first novelist of his day. His matchless style was not a gift costing nothing to his creator, but it was the culmination and crown of long years of labor.

Charlotte Bronte was thirty-one when she wrote "Jane Eyre," the book that made her name famous. She had passed through varied and bitter experiences, and all through the pages of that wonderful book we can feel the heart throbs of her strong personality, stirred and quickened by her profound knowledge of life and its sorrows.

George Eliot had been known in the realm of letters for more than twelve years as editor, essayist, and translator, when, at the age of thirty-nine, by the publication of "Scenes from Clerical Life" and "Adam Bede" she became the founder of a new school in fiction, for she as truly created the psychological novel as Scott did the historical.

Charles Kingsley led the life of a busy rector in the parish of Eversly until he was forty-one, when, inspired by the deep sense of the social and political wrongs of his days, he penned "Alton Locke," the first of his strong and brilliant series of novels.

Anthony Trollope, after a youth of poverty, hardship, and failure, earned for himself in middle life an honored name in English literature. Mrs. Oliphant turned to literature as a means of support for an invalid husband, and later for her fatherless children. She has left the world as an added legacy to her many charming stories the history of one of the bravest and most unselfish struggles that was ever fought by a woman single-handed.

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Porto Rico's Loss of Life in the Recent Storm 5,000.

The furious storm August 8 and 9 and the heavy rains which accompanied and followed the wind formed the most destructive combination of elements that has visited Porto Rico since August 22, 1772. A conservative estimate places the loss of life on the island at 5,000.

The wind played havoc with vegetation. It broke down and uprooted large trees, it destroyed the coffee trees, that were loaded with ripening berries, it blew oranges, lemons and all kinds of fruits from the trees or else swept away the trees entirely, and worst of all, it leveled to the ground practically all the banana palms of the island, thus destroying the fruit that served as bread to the poor.

Sugar houses and machinery suffered greatly, while the sugar cane itself was little injured except from the floods. The young cane that was flooded was greatly improved by the alluvial deposit brought down from the mountains, while cane that was older was broken down and ruined. Although the land itself was in many cases improved.

On the other hand, the tobacco and coffee lands on the mountain sides were greatly injured by the washing away of the richest part of the topsoil. Coffee planters are perhaps the most to be pitied, because it takes five or six years to produce a tree that will yield a crop.

Almost the entire loss of life was among the peons, or laborers.

The great question now is the distribution of supplies and the use of the money sent there by the people of the United States.

There are, roughly speaking, only two classes of people there—the comparatively wealthy landowner, or merchant, and the peons. The first are industrious and hardworking; the last work only when compelled by necessity to do so. The first are dependent on the second for labor.

If the peons are fed by charity, they are converted into beggars and the industrious classes are deprived of the benefits of their labor. It is true that charity is necessary in many cases, but it should be given judiciously.

From every place where soldiers were stationed came glowing accounts, through native channels, of their heroism in saving lives and property. In a number of cases the soldiers gave up their own quarters to the sick and wounded. No soldiers were killed, but at least fifty were wounded and engaged in the work of rescue. With the exception of two in Ponce, no American lives were lost.

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The Orange Primary.

Orange, Va., Aug. 29th, 1899.

To The Free Lance:

I desire to say a word or two in regard to the primary in Orange county, in reply to a statement made by Mr. Williams. I am the gentleman who ran against Mr. Williams in that primary, and who advocated Governor Tyler's election. I was a spectator at the meeting of the county committee, held a few days before the election. I saw then that this committee was in a feverish haste to have the primary over before Governor Tyler's friends could get together. They just ordered it on a five days notice, but as one gentleman thought that this was too much of a snap judgment, it was fixed at ten days.

I saw that it was all being fixed against the possibility of Governor Tyler's case getting well before the people, and I concluded right then and there that I would give them some trouble by announcing myself a candidate, and in a few days thereafter, I did announce myself, which only gave me five days in which to arrange for the primary. I could not canvass well one precinct of the county in this time. They claimed to have beaten me by 101 votes in the election. At one precinct the polls were closed at 5 o'clock, the sun being then two and a half hours high. They claimed to have beaten me three votes.

Six men came up after the polls were closed to vote for me, and were not allowed to vote. Had they voted I would have carried this precinct. I believe that three-fourths of the people of this county are for Tyler; and if once they understand thoroughly the "sharp turn" that are being taken upon the Governor, they will demand new democratic officials, and beat the present candidates by an overwhelming majority. The ballots of that primary have never been officially counted. Of course, this may all be done in a regular way; but any man that loves fair play cannot help but feel that that people of Orange were not wanted in the naming of a candidate, although they may want them pretty badly to elect him in November. I am not writing this as complaining, or as a sore head, but simply to state facts. I decided to run merely to disturb their pretty little scheme as I saw it; and I think I succeeded in at least giving them a pretty good scare.

T. W. Bond.

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